

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB02-249-E (400.042US))**

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| In the Application of: |) | |
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| Blatt <i>et al.</i> |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Schultz |
| Serial No.: 10/669,841 |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 1635 |
| Filing Date: September 23, 2003 |) | |
| |) | Confirmation No. 2643 |
| For: Oligonucleotide Mediated Inhibition of |) | |
| Hepatitis B Virus and Hepatitis C Virus |) | |
| Replication |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed on July 5, 2006 in the above-mentioned application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a four (4) month extension of time. With the extension of time, a response is timely filed on December 5, 2006. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.